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### Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	353,224	349,391	347,712	-2
Cheddar				
WI	55,500	55,338	56,700	+2
CA	33,111	30,624	29,691	-10
ID	44,664	43,092	45,057	+1
MN	44,521	42,221	42,070	-6
US	274,091	259,980	266,589	-3
Brick & Muenster	9,390	9,852	10,041	+7
Cream & Neufchatel	45,032	59,439	56,577	+26
Hispanic	16,189	17,680	16,186	n.c.
Mozzarella				
WI	66,100	75,740	70,300	+6
CA	91,832	95,794	97,658	+6
US	268,056	289,930	285,314	+6
Parmesan	18,927	21,204	21,041	+11
Provolone	28,235	28,924	27,041	-4
Ricotta	23,293	24,962	23,514	+1
Romano	5,135	3,924	2,852	-44
Other Italian types	4,251	4,115	3,285	-23
Total Italian				
WI	98,375	109,070	103,070	+5
CA	101,108	104,759	106,979	+6
US	347,897	373,059	363,047	+4
Swiss	26,544	28,391	27,172	+2
All other cheese	25,685	24,088	21,613	-16
Total cheese				
WI	208,403	221,147	214,779	+3
CA	174,530	175,870	175,325	n.c.
ID	67,372	67,796	66,937	-1
NY	56,564	59,776	57,627	+2
US	823,961	861,900	842,348	+2

## February Milk Prices

Wisconsin's February milk price is expected to average \$16.10 per hundredweight (cwt.). This price is 20 cents lower than January's price of \$16.30 per cwt., but \$4.60 more than February 2009.

The expected U.S. milk price for February, at \$15.90 per cwt., is down 20 cents from January, and is 20 cents lower than Wisconsin's price. All states except Minnesota are predicting a price decrease from January to February. Minnesota's price is expected to remain steady, at \$16.10 per cwt.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block price closed at \$1.3400 per pound on February 26, while barrels were \$1.2900 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.4050 per pound.

For the week ending February 20, 2010, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.5059 per pound and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.5005 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.3407 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for January will be released on March 5.

### Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	January 2009		January 2010		February 2010	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	13.20	3.81	16.30	3.74	16.10	3.73
CA	11.16	3.80	14.75	3.82	14.50	3.76
ID	10.60	3.70	14.60	3.71	14.50	3.66
MI	15.00	3.76	16.90	3.72	16.80	3.72
MN	12.90	3.81	16.10	3.80	16.10	3.77
NM	13.10	3.63	15.70	3.71	15.50	3.67
NY	14.30	3.83	16.80	3.78	16.70	3.76
PA	16.20	3.85	18.00	3.75	17.70	3.70
TX	14.50	3.81	17.10	3.86	16.40	3.85
US	13.30	3.78	16.10	3.77	15.90	3.73
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	13.20	3.80	16.30	3.74	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	12.00	3.97	15.50	4.15	XXX	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

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## Trout Sales Increase

Wisconsin's trout producers reported \$1.79 million in trout sales during 2009, a \$370,000 increase from 2008. In addition to sales, trout valued at \$2.00 million, were distributed for restoration or conservation uses.

Sales of trout that were at least 12 inches long totaled \$1.52 million, a 22 percent increase in value from 2008. The number of trout sold at 12 inches or longer was 480,000, the same as a year earlier. Live weight of trout sold in this size category was 459,000 pounds. Compared to a year earlier, trout were slightly larger in 2009, and 13,000 more pounds were sold. Producers received an average of \$3.31 per pound, up 52 cents from 2008.

The value of trout sold in the 1 to 6 and 6 to 12 inch ranges were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Trout-for-sale producers lost 519,000 trout weighing 88,000 pounds to various causes during 2009. The number of trout lost was nearly one and one half times last year's loss, while weight of trout lost increased by 13,000 lbs.

At the national level 58 percent of the trout over 12 inches long were sold to processors as the point of first sale, while 44 percent of trout 6 – 12 inches long were sold to fee and recreational fishing operations.

The 1 to 6 inch size was the most common type distributed for conservation or restoration purposes, at 2.83 million trout. The number of 6 to 12 inch trout distributed was 2.28 million, and 5,000 of the 12 inch or longer trout were distributed.

### Trout, Wisconsin

Item	Unit	2008	2009
Trout 12 inches and longer			
Number sold	1,000	480	480
Pounds sold	1,000	446	459
Value of sales	\$1,000	1,244	1,519
Average value per pound	Dollars	2.79	3.31
Trout 6 to 12 inches in length			
Number sold	1,000	1/	1/
Pounds sold	1,000	1/	1/
Value of sales	\$1,000	1/	1/
Average value per pound	Dollars	1/	1/
Trout 1 to 6 inches long			
Number sold	1,000	1/	1/
Pounds sold	1,000	1/	1/
Value of sales	\$1,000	1/	1/
Average per 1,000 fish	Dollars	1/	1/
Total sales (excluding eggs)	\$1,000	1,421	1,791
Total number of trout lost	1,000	349	519
Distributed for conservation & restoration			
Trout 12 inches and longer	1,000 fish	7	5
Trout 6-12 inches in length	1,000 fish	2,690	2,280
Trout 1-6 inches long	1,000 fish	3,030	2,830

1/Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

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## Lamb and Mutton Production at Record Low for January

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in January 2009.

Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, down slightly from January 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.6 million pounds, 3 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,800 head, 2 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 238 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.81 billion pounds, 11 percent below the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.90 million head, 10 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was 3 percent below January 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,600 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays. January 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

### Commercial Slaughter 1/, January 2010

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	141.9	n.c.	2,707.2	n.c.
Calves	7.8	2/	82.8	-2
Hogs, all	40.5	-6	8,903.2	-10
Sheep and lambs	0.5	-38	186.6	-2

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

### Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	Jan. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Change from	
				Jan. 2009	Dec. 2009
	Million pounds				
Beef	2,118	2,134	2,083	-2	-2
Veal	12	13	12	-3	-11
Pork	2,026	1,985*	1,809	-11	-9
Lamb & mutton	13	16	13	-3	-19
Total red meat 3/	4,170	4,148	3,916	-6	-6

\*Revised. 1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## Wisconsin Honey Production Slides to Eleventh Place in U.S.



Honey production from producers with 5 or more colonies in Wisconsin totaled 3.78 million pounds in 2009, a decrease of 19 percent from 2008. The number of honey producing colonies in the state increased from 58,000 colonies in 2008 to 63,000 colonies in 2009. This number does not include those producers with less than 5 colonies or those who did not harvest honey. Yield per colony averaged 60 pounds, a decrease of 20 pounds per colony from the previous year. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. The state's rank in honey production for 2009 was eleventh, two spots lower than last year.

On December 15, 2009, producer honey stocks in Wisconsin were 1.59 million pounds, a decrease of 33 percent from 2008. Wisconsin's 2009 honey crop was valued at \$5.71 million, 18 percent below last year's \$6.96 million. The average price for a pound of honey in Wisconsin was \$1.51, up 1 cent from the previous year. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op, and private channels.

Nationally, honey production in 2009 was 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008. There were 2.46 million honey producing colonies in the U.S., up 5 percent from 2.34 million last year. The average yield dropped 16 percent to 58.5 pounds per colony and is the lowest yield since 1989. On December 15, 2009, honey producers held 37.2 million pounds in stock, down 27 percent from a year earlier.

Honey prices in the U.S. reached a record high for the second straight year at \$1.45 per pound in 2009. This is up slightly over 2 cents from the previous year. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives.

### Honey Production

State	No of Colonies		Production		Average Price		Honey Stocks Dec. 15 1/	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousands		1,000 lbs.		Cents per lb.		1,000 lbs.	
WI	58	63	4,640	3,780	150	151	2,366	1,588
CA	360	355	18,360	11,715	139	139	4,039	2,109
FL	150	150	11,850	10,200	132	138	1,304	1,428
GA	65	65	4,615	2,665	152	147	369	346
MI	71	66	5,183	3,960	144	151	2,021	1,505
MN	122	122	9,516	7,930	139	140	2,569	1,427
MT	134	146	9,380	10,220	137	145	4,596	3,577
ND	400	450	36,000	34,650	136	137	8,640	7,623
SD	225	270	21,375	17,820	134	139	11,970	6,237
TX	77	74	4,928	4,662	134	138	1,380	886
US	2,342	2,462	163,789	144,108	142.1	144.5	51,159	37,153

1/Stocks held by producers do not include stocks under loan.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for corn, soybeans, oats, hay other than alfalfa, and milk are expected to decrease from January to February. However, prices for steers and heifers, beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, calves, and alfalfa hay are expected to increase during the same period. Prices for potatoes are expected to stay at about the same level as January.

As of mid-February, the average price Wisconsin farmers received for corn was \$3.35 per bushel, 22 cents below January and 38 cents below February 2009. Nationwide, corn prices averaged \$3.45 per bushel in mid-February, down 42 cents from February of last year.

Wisconsin soybeans decreased 66 cents per bushel from January, for an average of \$9.20 per bushel in mid-February. However, this is 19 cents higher than February of last year. U.S. soybeans sold for \$9.40 per bushel in mid-February, down 14 cents from February 2009.

Oat prices in Wisconsin averaged \$1.88 per bushel in mid-February, down 16 cents from January and 81 cents from February 2009. Nationally, oat prices were \$2.13 per bushel, down 56 cents from the February 2009 price of \$2.69 per bushel.

As of mid-February, alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$120.00 per ton, up \$5.00 from January. The average price for other hay types, at \$85.00 per ton, was down \$5.00 from January.

Wisconsin steer and heifer prices averaged \$79.70 per hundred-weight (cwt.) in mid-February, 90 cents above January. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter increased \$2.70 per cwt. from January to \$48.70 in mid-February. Calf prices in mid-February were \$132.00 per cwt., up \$2.00 from January.

At the U.S. level, steer and heifer prices in mid-February were \$5.60 per cwt. above a year ago, at \$89.40. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at an average of \$50.50 per cwt., up \$6.90 from February of last year. Calf prices, at \$111.00 per cwt., were up \$7.00 from February 2009.

Wheat, barley, and hog monthly prices are not published separately for Wisconsin, but nationally, all wheat sold for \$4.67 per bushel in mid-February, a \$1.12 decrease from February 2009. U.S. winter wheat prices decreased 90 cents from February of last year, averaging \$4.36 per bushel. Nationwide, barley sold for \$4.25 per bushel, 74 cents below February 2009. Hog prices averaged \$48.10 per cwt., up \$4.30 from a year ago.

### Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		Feb. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 15, 2010	Feb. 2009	Feb. 15, 2010
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	-	-	-	-	-
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	74.10	78.80	79.70	83.80	89.40
Cows 2/	Cwt.	42.00	46.00	48.70	43.60	50.50
Calves	Cwt.	131.00	130.00	132.00	104.00	111.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	11.50	16.30	16.10	11.60	15.90
Corn	Bu.	3.73	3.57	3.35	3.87	3.45
Oats	Bu.	2.69	2.04	1.88	2.69	2.13
Soybeans	Bu.	9.01	9.86	9.20	9.54	9.40
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	11.20	8.75	8.75	8.87	6.99
Fresh	Cwt.	13.50	6.15	-	12.36	-
Processing	Cwt.	9.25	10.30	-	6.84	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	110.00	115.00	120.00	141.00	111.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	70.00	90.00	85.00	108.00	97.10
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	5.79	4.67
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	5.26	4.36
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.99	4.25
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	30.10	33.80
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.24	0.30
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	43.80	48.10

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October. 2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Mid-month. Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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